



Proclamation

Presented to the

Waikiki Aquarium

WHEREAS, the Waikiki Aquarium, founded in 1904, was established as a commercial venture by the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company to "show the world the riches of Hawai'i's reefs;" and

WHEREAS, the Waikiki Aquarium's mission is "to inspire and promote understanding, appreciation and conservation of Pacific marine life;" through public exhibits, education programs and research, visitors at the Waikiki Aquarium are provided with a full entertaining and educational experience; and

WHEREAS, the Waikiki Aquarium is the third oldest aquarium in the United States; showcases more than 500 marine species, and maintains more than 3,000 marine specimens; and

WHEREAS, the Waikiki Aquarium will feature the new Northwestern Hawaiian Islands exhibit-- the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands is the largest single area dedicated to conservation in the United States; it is home to over 7,000 marine species, a quarter of which are found nowhere else in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Waikiki Aquarium Northwestern Hawaiian Islands exhibit features a 4,000-gallon public display featuring table corals, masked angelfish, yellow barbell goatfish and Japanese pygmy angelfish; interactive touch screens associated with the exhibit will provide additional information on the significance of the islands, their ecology and biodiversity and the importance of preserving the marine ecosystem for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Waikiki Aquarium Northwestern Hawaiian Islands exhibit was developed in partnership and with support from the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument; and

WHEREAS, the Waikiki Aquarium will be opening the new Northwestern Hawaiian Islands exhibit on August 18, 2011;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2011 as

"NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS EXHIBIT DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the Grand Opening of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Exhibit at the Waikiki Aquarium.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of July, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i